

CHESTER TIMES – April 17, 1915 – BUILDERS MORE OPTIMISTIC –
Considerable Life Shown in Real Estate Matters During the Week in the County

Considerable life was injected into the building and real estate business out in the county during the past week, and reports from the contractors are encouraging for a busy summer and fall. A number of good sized contracts were let during the week and many others of some magnitude are under contemplation and may be given out next week. In this city some good sales are reported and a few large building enterprises are in sight at the present time.

William Miller, president of the First National Bank of Media, has let a contract for the erection of a beautiful \$40,000 residence to J. B. Flounders of Media. This new dwelling will be built of stone, and will be three stories high. Mr. Miller, will build the new house on the grounds of his present house, which will be razed, and which cost \$40,000 when it was erected a few years ago. The location is on Jackson Street between Third and Fourth Street in Media. The new dwelling will not be as large as the old one, but it will be more artistic and ornate in appearance.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansdowne, which is made up of some of the most prominent residents of Lansdowne, will soon ask for bids for the erection of a magnificent edifice to take the place of the present one. The new church will cost approximately \$75,000. Of this amount, \$25,000 has been subscribed. The building will be stone and it will be ornate and add much to the neighborhood of North Lansdowne Avenue. The church property has a frontage of 208 feet on Lansdowne and 240 feet on Greenwood Avenue and extends through the block to Owen Avenue where the manse has a frontage of 170 feet. Looking from the church in either direction on Lansdowne Avenue are beautiful residences.

SOLD FIFTEEN HOUSES – Wadgas & Jones, who recently built thirty brick dwellings on the West Chester Pike, Keystone, Upper Darby Township, sold fifteen of these splendid homes this week to William H. Christie of Philadelphia for a consideration of almost \$40,000. They are preparing plans for the erection of thirty more dwellings to be erected adjoining their present operation. This new operation, which will be a big boom for Upper Darby, will be started within a few weeks, and will involve an expenditure of at least \$80,000. The new houses are to be erected in twins, six rooms each, all conveniences and finished in hardwood throughout.

The Lansdowne Construction Company of Lansdowne have completed the work of building a splendid branch office in the Terminal building at Sixty-Ninth and Market Streets, for the Media Title and Trust Company, and next Monday morning the new bank will open for business.

Archibald G. Thompson of Philadelphia, has purchased the Dennis Nunan property consisting of twenty-five acres, in Haverford Township, and he will soon start to build a \$50,000 residence on the place. The property adjoins that of the Merion Golf & Cricket Field, and it is a magnificent location.

The Primos Chemical Company, which operates a large plant at Primos near Clifton Heights, have awarded a contract for the erection of a two-story laboratory building, to Philip Halback Contracting Company of Philadelphia. The architects are Peuckert & Wunder. The building is to be completed within eight days, and a bonus of \$5 per day for every day less than contract time, is offered. The building will cost \$16,000.

Contractor Oscar Lobb of Llanerch, has been awarded a contract for the erection of a \$7,000 dwelling for Cresson Davis in Llanerch. He broke ground for the new building today. Deeves & Moore, contractors, are finishing three dwellings for Albert Hall in Llanerch to cost \$18,000.

Harry Barker of Lansdowne has sold to John A. McSherry of Philadelphia, lot on Stratford Avenue, Lansdowne, for a consideration of \$750. Mr. McSherry will immediately ask for bids for the erection of an \$8,000 residence. Lewis Peirce, former proprietor of the Lenni Hotel, has started the erection of a house at Third and Olive Streets, Media to cost \$3,500.

Work on the repairs to the building at the old Vulcan plant, Delaware Avenue and Reaney Street, which was destroyed by a fire about a year ago is progressing rapidly. The plant is to be operated by the Harris Chemical Company. The building is now under roof and the work is being rushed to completion.

BUILDING PERMITS – Building Inspector Terryl Williams issued quite a number of permits since the first day of the month. None of the permits are for buildings larger than two-story brick dwellings. At the present time the builders in this section are finishing up all of the old work and according to statements by some of them they are looking forward to a busy summer. The permits granted since the first of the month are as follows:

Mary E. Humphries – Two-story brick dwelling on the South side of Watts Street between Townsend and Engle Streets

Francis A. Headley – Two-story brick and frame residence on Twentieth Street near Madison Street

John Logue – One story brick garage on Sixteenth Street between Walnut Street and Providence Avenue

B. B. McFadden – One story office building on Front Street between Kerlin and Ulrich Streets

J. H. Phipps – Two story dwelling on South side of Catherine Street

South Chester Tube Company – Steel and iron building on Front Street between Thurlow and Booth Streets

William Bowsher – One story frame and corrugated iron garage in the rear of 326 Lloyd Street

Alfred C. Rhoads – One story brick garage in rear of residence at 129 Trainer Street

Samuel A. Hewes – Two story brick dwelling on Eighteenth Street between Hyatt Street and Merrose Avenue

Highland Baseball Club – Grandstand on the corner of Third Street and Highland Avenue